IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:

James CUCUZZA et al. Art Unit: 1634

Appln. No.: 10/630,573 Examiner: Diana Johannsen

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For: Primers and Primer Sets for Use in Atty. Docket:

Methods to Detect the Presence of P30641US01
Acidovorax Avenae Subsp. Citrulli

Amendment and Response to Office Action Mailed July 12, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, Applicant(s) submit the following amendments and remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that are otherwise provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if any additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 20612.072. Applicant(s) likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

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